

Section 1.A

Introduction:

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Under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Parties are obligated to promote in some cases and require in others the use of best available techniques (BAT), and promote the application of best environmental practices (BEP). In short, Parties are to:

For new sources

- Require, in accordance with the implementation schedule of its action plan to be developed pursuant to subparagraph (a) of Article 5 with particular initial focus on those source categories listed in Part II of Annex C, the use of BAT for identified sources categories (ref.: subparagraph (d) of Article 5);
- Promote, in accordance with its action plan, the use of BAT for source categories not identified above such as those listed in Part III of Annex C (ref.: subparagraph (e) of Article 5);
- Promote, in accordance with its action plan, the use of BEP for the source categories identified above and others, such as those listed in Part III of Annex C (ref.: subparagraphs (d) and (e) of Article 5);

For existing sources

- Promote, in accordance with its action plan, the use of BAT and BEP for all source categories listed in Part II of Annex C and within source categories such as those listed in Part III of Annex C (ref.: subparagraph (e) of Article 5).

When applying BAT and BEP for the above, Parties should take into consideration the general guidance on prevention and release reduction measures in Annex C and guidelines on BAT and BEP to be adopted by decision of the Conference of the Parties (ref.: subparagraphs (d) and (e) of Article 5).

The following guidelines on BAT and guidance of BEP relevant to Article 5 and Annex C of the Convention were adopted by the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Stockholm Convention on [date]. They are to be taken into consideration when applying BAT and BEP pursuant to subparagraph (d) and (e) Article 5 and to assist decision-making at the country level in the implementation of action plans and other actions related to the obligations under Article 5 and Annex C.